

amendment does not succeed, then you get down to what the committee decision was, and the committee decision is to allow pickles to be sold in bingo premises, in the charity's main office, and at any one additional outlet. I would hope you would not get to the committee amendment, and the reason why is that that amendment, if successful, too carefully and too much restricts and narrows the pickle business, so that very viable organizations in our state simply lose an incredible amount of revenue, and these are good organizations. These are not bad organizations. These are the parochial schools in my district. These are the parochial schools in some of your districts. These are the VFWs in my district and some of your districts. These are the American Legion Posts. These are the volunteer fire departments. These are some labor unions. These are just plain good folk who have come to rely on this form of charitable gambling for part of their worthy causes, and if you and I restrict that activity too greatly, we do an enormous disservice, we do an enormous disservice to a lot of very fine people and organizations and activities in our society. I think that we need to restrict the activity, however. You know, those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it, and Senator Withem and Senator Hartnett pointed out again and again and again that video lottery had a useful life in Bellevue until it went to the grocery stores, until it went to the convenience stores, until it went to the filling stations, and then it became too visible, and then it became too visible. If it is confined to the bars and the taverns and to anyone who holds a retail license for on-premises consumption and if it is confined to the bingo premises and the special occasions that those premises can operate, and if it is confined to the office of the charitable organization, that is well within the scope of what our society will tolerate and endure and support, and support, and I think that is the healthy thing to do. You know, it is like pornography. Some people enjoy pornography. I am not an advocate of pornography but I am not taking it away, but when pornography is sitting on the shelves of our KWIK-Shops and our convenience stores and the like, we get offended by that. We think it is too much, and we want to deal with it. The same is true for gambling paraphernalia. When gambling paraphernalia becomes too visible in our society,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...we react, and I think the most responsible reaction we can do today is to put the gambling